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## *Sharon's most enjoyable meeting*

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Prime Minister Ariel Sharon met this week with several world leaders, from German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer to Canadian Foreign Minister Bill Graham. But the most enjoyable meeting, by his own admission, took place yesterday with US Sen. James Inhofe, an Oklahoma Republican.

For unlike the others, Inhofe did not come to ask for plans and ideas and suggestions. Rather, he came quoting the Bible.

Inhofe said he understands Israel's position, because it is all in the Bible, and then quoted from Genesis and God's promise to give the Land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Inhofe, who serves on Armed Services Committee and is up for reelection in November, told Sharon it is a mistake to think that support for Israel in the US is only coming from Jews or from states with large Jewish populations.

"I only have 5,000 Jews in my district," he said, adding that his "unequivocal support" for Israel represents the feelings of hundreds of thousands of Christians he represents.

After Inhofe told Sharon "we give you our full support," Sharon – according to an official in the room – jokingly turned to US Ambassador Dan Kurtzer and said, "I also need his support." To which Kurtzer replied, "You have it, you have it."